

**DECISION RECORD  
and  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**PARTIAL REVOCATION OF PUBLIC LAND ORDER 1949  
ADAK, ALASKA**

I. Decision:

It is my decision that Public Land Order (PLO) 1949 be revoked as it pertains to lands identified as Parcels 2 and 3 in Environmental Assessment AK-040-04-EA-018.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The Department of the Navy has requested relinquishment of a portion of a withdrawal, authorized by Public Land Order (PLO) 1949 dated August 19, 1959. PLO 1949 withdrew a portion of Adak Island, which the Navy operated as the Naval Air Facility (NAF), Adak. Pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510 as amended, NAF Adak was identified for closure on July 13, 1995. The Navy closed NAF Adak on March 31, 1997.

Executive Order 1733, withdrew all of Adak Island as part of the Aleutian Islands Reserve on March 3, 1913. Section 303 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980 incorporated this area into the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Therefore, revocation of a portion of the withdrawal, will return the land to the management of the USF&WS for inclusion in the refuge system.

The Navy has inventoried, assessed and rehabilitated all identified sites within the area under consideration. The Navy, EPA, and ADEC signed a Record of Decision which determined the parcels suitable for transfer with implementation of certain institutional controls. Essentially, No Further Action Required status has been declared by the Responsible Party and regulatory agencies.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of ANILCA will occur as a result of this action. The land returned to the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will continue to be managed for subsistence.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

/s/ June Bailey  
Anchorage Field Manager

03-19-04  
Date

2 Attachments:

1-Environmental Assessment: AK-040-04-EA-018 (5 pp.)

2-Map of Withdrawal Revocation (1 p.)